

# The Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

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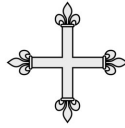


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*Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.*



## Gathering

### Prelude

*from Symphony in D , op. 2, no. 5*  
Allegro

William Boyce (1711-79)  
arr. Robert Gower

### Welcome

### The Graduating Class of 2021

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.  
**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

ELW 627



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on  
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the  
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the  
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new  
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may  
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -  
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the  
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be  
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all  
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the  
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.  
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.  
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

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## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -  
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes  
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will break forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,  
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to  
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we  
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.  
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.  
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# Word

## First Reading

Job 38:1-11

Sarah Butchko

*At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.*

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

Emilie Vigliotta

*Please speak the refrain at the beginning and after each stanza.*

*You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea. (Ps. 107:29)*

- <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,  
for God's mercy endures forever.
- <sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,
- <sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- <sup>23</sup>Some went down to the sea in ships,  
plying their trade in deep waters. R
- <sup>24</sup>They beheld the works of the LORD,  
God's wonderful works in the deep.
- <sup>25</sup>Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,  
which tossed high the waves of the sea.
- <sup>26</sup>They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;  
their souls melted away in their peril.
- <sup>27</sup>They staggered and reeled like drunkards,  
and all their skill was of no avail.
- <sup>28</sup>Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,  
and you delivered them from their distress.
- <sup>29</sup>You stilled the storm to a whisper  
and silenced the waves of the sea. R

- <sup>30</sup>Then were they glad when it grew calm,  
when you guided them to the harbor they desired.
- <sup>31</sup>Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love  
and your wonderful works for all people.
- <sup>32</sup>Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;  
in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah! R

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Katherine Groen

*Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.*

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,  
“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

Emma Holmquist

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the fourth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.*

When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Reflection

Emily Carlsperger

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry;

blaze, Spir-it, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow,

— flood the na - tions with grace and mer-cy; send forth your Word,

Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on\_\_ us,  
play your like - ness, ev - er chang-ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring\_\_ us.  
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Shine on\_\_ me, shine on\_\_ me:  
Shine on\_\_ me, shine on\_\_ me:



## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM / BLESSING OF GRADUATES**

Dear graduates: We are delighted that you have reached this milestone in your life. As fellow members of this community of faith we rejoice with you and want you to know of our pride and excitement as you move from this accomplishment into the next phase of your life. We also want you to know that wherever you go and whatever you do, you are going forward with our prayers for God's continued guidance, power, protection, and strength.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I Believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son , our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of the saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Graduates, as you celebrate your achievements and prepare for your new endeavors, do you thank God for the many ways your faith has been your strength and guide?

Response: **Yes**

As you consider the next steps of your journey of life, do you acknowledge God going with you, before you, behind you, below you, above you, and within you?

Response: **Yes**

As you make choices about your new endeavors, do you promise to remain connected to the church, offering your gifts to the world as part of the body of Christ, and receiving the support of a family of faith?

Response: **Yes, with God's help.**

People of Saint Luke: Do you claim these graduates as brothers and sisters in Christ, called to ministry according to their talents?

**In God's love, we claim them.**

As members of their home congregation, do you promise to support them, take an interest in their future, be with them in times of joy and challenge, and always welcome them?

**In God's love, we support them.**

Do you promise to faithfully pray for these brothers and sisters, placing their futures into God's loving hands as they make their choices?

**In God's love, we pray for them.**

Let us pray.

Loving God, when your Son, Jesus Christ, welcomed the children, the invitation included each one of us. Your guiding hand has continually been upon these young people. You have sustained them. You have shared in their laughter and wiped away their tears. In times of confusion you have offered direction. In times of sorrow you have offered hope. In times of doubt your Holy Spirit has lifted them up. Grant to each of these graduates, the knowledge of your continued presence. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you bless your servants with many achievements. We give thanks especially today for the milestones that these graduates have attained. As they go forth into the future and begin new phases of their lives, may they know your love in all the experiences they have. Bless them, keep them, guide them, and protect them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, bless the parents, elders, and mentors of these students, who have raised and nourished them in Christian faith. Give them strength in your holy presence, and give them many joyful reunions with these young people, those who are leaving home to go far away, and those staying close by. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we all are sent forth today into your world, one where you place us as stewards of your creation and servants entrusted to be your people of peace and justice. Move us to break down walls that divide, and help all see your face in our neighbors and all we meet. We too give thanks for all who have gone before us in faith, renewers of society. Keep us all united until we all see you in glory. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend to you all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **Offering**

We invite you to give your offering online at [saintluke.us](http://saintluke.us) then click *Giving* or on the Give Plus app. You may also mail your checks to:

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*Music at the offertory*

Aria on “Go, My Children with My Blessing”

David Lasky

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of goodness, growth, and grace, we offer to you what you have first given us. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept our offering as a token of our abiding devotion and love. Use these gifts to bring peace, justice and comfort to the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

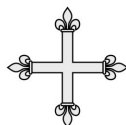
## The Lord's Prayer

*Please pray in your own preferred language.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Padre Nuestro Que estas en los cielos  
Santificado sea tu Nombre  
Venga a nosotros tu Reino  
Hagase tu voluntad asi en la tierra como en el cielo  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia  
Perdona nuestras ofensas  
Como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden  
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion mas libranos del mal  
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la Gloria  
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amen**



## Sending

### Blessing for Graduates

Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage;  
hold fast to what is good; return no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the suffering; honor all people;  
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### Blessing

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.  
**Amen.**



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional  
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## Dismissal

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

March

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)  
 arr. Robert Gower

## Emily Carlsperger



Hi, I am Emily Carlsperger. I will be going to Saint Olaf college where I plan on majoring in physics and political science. I am so grateful for all the wonderful people I have met during my time as a member here at Saint Luke.

## Katherine Groen



Hi everyone, I'm Katie Groen. In the fall, I will be attending the University of Maryland in College Park in the Integrated Life Sciences Honors program. I am planning to major in Biological Sciences with a concentration in Cell Biology and Genetics.

Over the years I've had the joy of being involved in many of Saint Luke's outreach activities, including helping out with the Sunday Hospitality program and volunteering with Sweep the Creek. In addition, there's my personal favorite, helping in the nursery at Vacation Bible School for many years and seeing all of the little Chipmunks grow up. I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped me get to where I am today, some way back when I was trotting along next to my mom helping her set up for Sunday School.

I'm grateful to know all the people I've met through the church — The community of Saint Luke has been so supportive and thoughtful, lending a helping hand. I enjoyed attending our service projects, like assembling meal kits, going caroling at The Village at Rockville, and putting together Thanksgiving baskets. Seeing everyone come together and help is very special. Because of that, the Saint Luke community has instilled in me a love of service that I'll be sure to carry with me in my future endeavors.



## Emma Holmquist



My name is Emma Holmquist and I will be majoring in English at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts. (The oldest member of the historic Seven Sisters colleges!) SLSHY has been more than an extracurricular for me. Although this group is centered around discussions about faith, I value it most because of the friendships and general sense of community it has brought me. SLSHY has taught me many lessons about building strong, genuine relationships. I am grateful to be a part of such a positive and entertaining group of people. This second family that has truly shaped my value system and outlook on life.

## Jonah Webb



I am Jonah Webb and will be going to University of Maryland, College Park next year. I will be Majoring in Plant Sciences. At Saint Luke, I have met so many people that have built an accepting community for everyone. I'm sad to be leaving SLSHY and grateful for all the time we got to spend together.



## Emilie Vigliotta



My name is Emilie Vigliotta. I will be attending the University of South Carolina in Columbia to study marine science and biology. At Saint Luke I learned the value of a life defined by service. I also learned the value of community as I have had a second family in the friends I have made during the 18 years here at church. The older I became, the more I began to appreciate it, and I know the memories I made and the relationships I have formed will be some of the most important of my life, because they have helped to shape my values, and the person I have become.

## Sarah Butchko



My name is Sarah Butchko, and I will be going to Davidson College in North Carolina in the fall where I will be studying educational studies and double minoring in math and dance. Saint Luke has prepared me as I found a community that will stick with me through college and beyond. I know I will always have a home back here, even when I am many states away.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

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